

That it has done so, while remaining faithful to the standards of professional journalism, is a tribute to the dedication, responsibility and zeal of its members.

As we go forward with our efforts to make equality of opportunity a reality for all Americans, we will continue to depend on the black press to provide us with guidance, insight and wisdom.

I urge every American to support the continuing efforts of the black press to help assure that America achieves its full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 17, 1977, as Black Press Day. I urge all Americans to reflect upon the contributions of the black press to the realization of the principles upon which our Nation was founded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of June in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4508

June 11, 1977

Flag Day and National Flag Week, 1977

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Two hundred years ago, on June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

In these two centuries our Nation has changed in many ways, but our flag remains an appropriate symbol of America. Its bold colors reflect the courage and determination of the American people, as its straight and simple lines reflect their straightforward character.

In celebrating this two hundredth anniversary let us resolve to honor our country's flag by displaying in our lives the qualities it reflects.

To commemorate the adoption of our Nation's flag, the Congress, by joint resolution of August 3, 1949 (63 Stat. 492, 36 U.S.C. 157), has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for its appropriate observance. By joint resolution of June 9, 1966 (80 Stat. 194, 36 U.S.C. 157a), the Congress also requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating the week which includes June 14 as National Flag Week.

To encourage the American people to take pride in the Nation which that flag symbolizes, the Congress, by joint resolution of June 13, 1975 (89 Stat. 211, 36 U.S.C. 157b), has declared the twenty-one days from Flag Day through Independence Day as a period to honor America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning June 12, 1977, as National Flag Week and I call upon the appropriate officials of the Government to display the flag on all Government buildings during that week. I urge the American people to celebrate Flag Day and National Flag Week by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places.

I also call upon all Americans to observe the period from Flag Day through Independence Day as a period to honor America through public gatherings and other suitable activities that will demonstrate their pride in their Nation and its accomplishments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4509

June 15, 1977

Modification of Temporary Quantitative Limitations on the Importation into the United States of Certain Articles of Alloy Tool Steel

By the President of the United States

A Proclamation

1. Proclamation No. 4445, of June 11, 1976, as modified by Proclamation No. 4477 of November 16, 1976, imposed quantitative restrictions on the importation of certain articles of specialty steels. Section 203(h)(4) of the Trade Act of 1974 (the Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2253(h)(4)) permits the President to reduce or terminate any such restrictions if, after taking into account advice received from the United States International Trade Commission (USITC) and after seeking advice from the Secretaries of Commerce and Labor, the President determines that the reduction or termination is in the national interest. 90 Stat. 3105. *Ante*, p. 1709.

2. I have sought and received advice from the USITC and from the Secretaries of Commerce and Labor concerning the effects of excluding alloy tool steel provided for in item 923.25 of the Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS) from the quantitative restrictions imposed by Proclamation No. 4445, as modified by Proclamation No. 4477. I have determined, after considering that advice, that the exclusion of alloy tool steel provided for in item 923.25, TSUS, from such quantitative restrictions is in the national interest. 19 USC 1202.

3. Accordingly, the purpose of this proclamation is to terminate in part Proclamation No. 4445 of June 11, 1976, as modified by Proclamation No. 4477 of November 16, 1976, so as to exclude alloy tool steel provided for in item 923.25, TSUS, from the present quantitative restrictions. The authority for this action is set forth in section 203(h)(4) (19 U.S.C. 2253(h)(4)), and section 125(b) (19 U.S.C. 2135(b)) of the Trade Act.